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Arizona Latter-day Saints join in the worldwide push to further the work of sharing the gospel and the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as two new missions open in Arizona in July.

Hundreds of full-time missionaries assigned to Arizona participate in that effort, including the four pictured who are serving in the Arizona Tempe Mission: (I to r) Elder Gilliland, from Salt Lake City; Elder Gathro, from Jacksonville, Florida; Elder Friley, from Ashland, Kentucky; and Elder Perez, from Canary Islands, Spain

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Two New Missions Open in Arizona, Saints Challenged to "Hasten the Work of Salvation"

An historic announcement, made by President Thomas S. Monson in the October 2012 General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, set up a ripple effect that has quickly turned into a swell, and now, a massive wave of Church-wide effort to "hasten the work of salvation."

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Four 18-year-olds, eligible to serve following the lowering of the age for missionaries, and one 19-year-old, prepare to serve from the same Arizona ward. Members of the Amberwood Ward, Mesa Alma Stake, they are (l to r) Bryan Barney, 19, who is waiting for his call; Parker McMullin, 18, called to Salem Oregon; Wyatt Agnew, 18, Quito, Ecuador; William Norton, 18, Paraguay Asuncion South; and Miles Sorrell, 18, Monterrey West, Mexico.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Latter-day Saints across Arizona are feeling the effects. What began with the announcement of lowering the missionary age from 19 to 18 years of age for young men and 21 to 19 years of age for women, resulted in hundreds young people across the state heeding that call. In fact, the worldwide response was almost immediate, raising the total fulltime missionary force more

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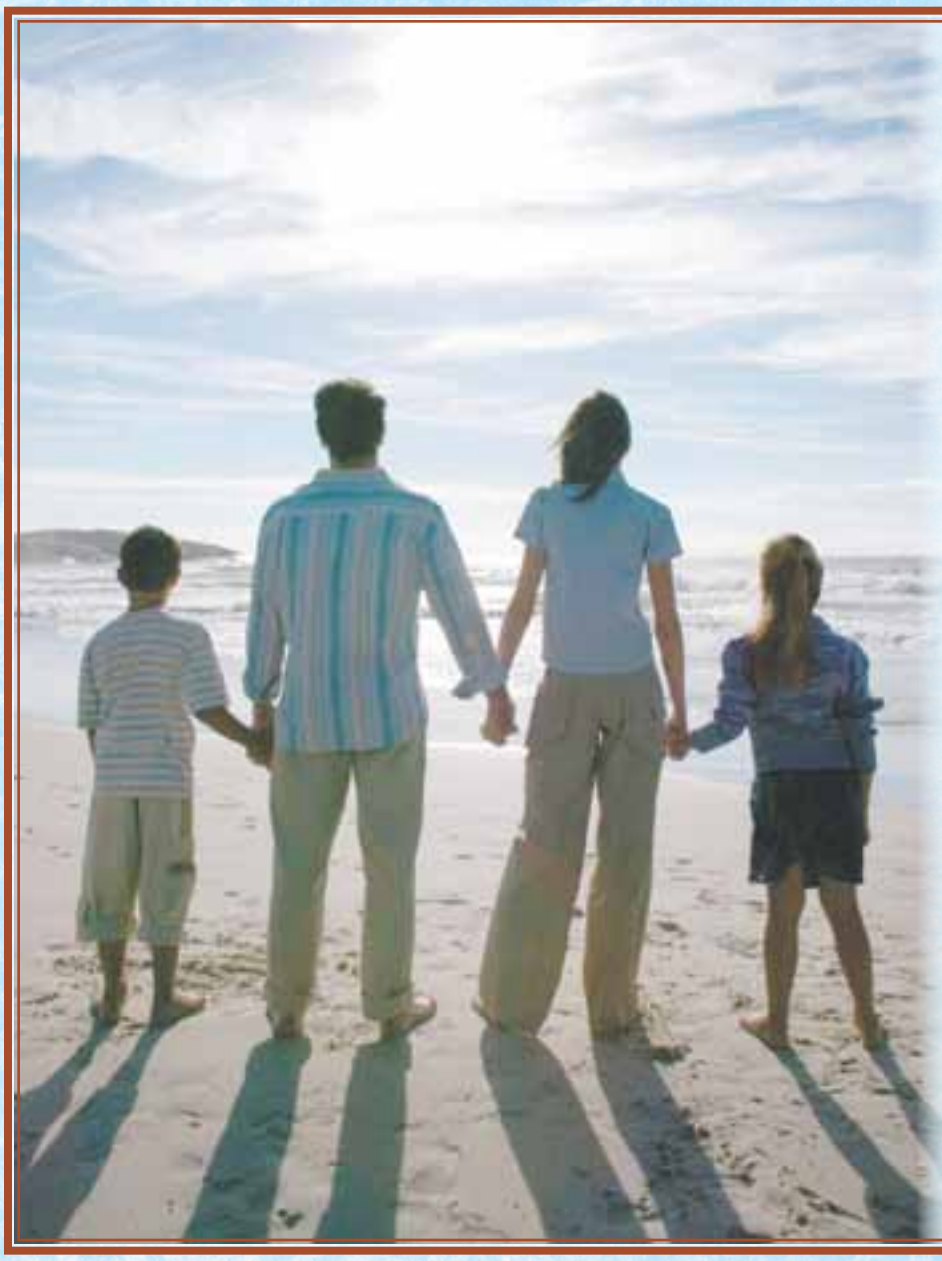

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The sister missionary companionship of Sisters Tolman (l) and Escobar, who are serving in the Tempe Arizona Mission, leave their apartment for an appointment to teach a gospel message.

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than 70.000.

Within months, another announcement came. Fifty-eight new missions were to be created, two of them in Arizona.

Prior to those missions opening on July 1, another historic event occurred as a worldwide broadcast on Sunday, June 23, introduced a new missionary website and extended a charge to all members to join in the missionary efforts.

The website states, "Increasing numbers of youth have responded to a prophet's call, hastening the growth of missionary work. As members and leaders, we have the same opportunity to find ourselves in the Savior's work of salvation."

Indeed, says Area Seventy David E. LeSueur, two new missions in Arizona along with increased numbers of total missionaries assigned to the state is a reflection of already-strong missionary efforts and on the faith and testimonies of individual members.

"The Brethren stay close to what is happening," he says, noting that in making changes, "they look at the number of members, mission production, number of companionships, the Church infrastructure; they weigh a host of factors.

Elder LeSueur adds, "I think the Brethren are convinced and have great confidence that the Saints in Arizona will step up and move missionary work forward."

The new missions are the Arizona Scottsdale Mission and the Arizona Gilbert Mission and, as of July 1, new mission presidents are serving in the Arizona Mesa Mission and Arizona Tempe Mission. The Arizona Phoenix Mission and Arizona Tucson Mission bring the state's total to six, all part of the North America Southwest Area.

In the Phoenix Mission, President Scott Taylor and his wife, Cheryl, have one year remaining in their three-year assignment. However, says Sister Taylor, they, too, will feel the effects of the growth as their mission boundaries have changed.

"We will lose the Phoenix Stake. Thirty-five of our missionaries will go to the Tempe Mission; but we're gaining Flagstaff Stake," Sister Taylor says.

"The work is really hastening here. It's a great place to be serving a mission," she says.

President R. Spence Ellsworth agrees. Recently released and replaced as Mesa Mission President by President Kirk L. Jenkins, President

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Ellsworth says, "The Lord truly is moving missionary work forward, and it's exciting to be part of it."

Before the recent changes, the Mesa Mission included 25 stakes, now there are 17; and, President Ellsworth explains, "My complement (or the number of missionaries you can have in a mission) was 200. The complement for the new Mesa Mission is 250 and the Scottsdale Mission is 200; so there will be 450 missionaries in an area where there used to be 200."

The Mesa Mission home has moved to 2525 N 32nd St., in Mesa, while the Scottsdale Mission will be housed in the former Mesa Mission home at 6265 N 82nd St. in Scottsdale.

"This is a real growth area, a stronghold of the Church," President Ellsworth says. He notes another factor that is significant in that growth, saying, "When we came to Arizona three years ago, there were two operating temples. Now there are three, soon to be five, and they've announced a temple in Tucson. There will be six operating temples in Arizona. This draws a lot of attention to the Church.

"President Dean L. Howes has been released as the Arizona Tempe Mission President, where President James L. Toone now presides.

In the new Arizona Gilbert Mission, K. Brett Nattress will serve as President and the mission home will be located in Whitewing Estates on Higley Road between Pecos and Germann.

"I'm thrilled about that," says Elder LeSueur. "To have a new mission center right here in Gilbert, just months before the Gilbert Temple will open is thrilling,"

The Gilbert Mission will include 16 stakes, with all of the Gilbert and Queen stakes and two Mesa stakes, the Boulder Creek and Desert Ridge stakes.

The second new mission, the Arizona Scottsdale Mission, which will include 16 stakes—part of Mesa, Scottsdale, Phoenix and into Payson and the White Mountains—will be led by President Karl R. Sweeney.

He says, "We are delighted to have a nucleus of strong Saints in that area. The Arizona Saints are representative of the best in the world for loving their neighbors and being influential and on the forefront in the community."

President Sweeney, who served as a stake president in Lakeland, Florida, from 2001 to 2011, shared his testimony as he was quoted in the Polk County,

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As part of a pilot program to use the Internet and electronic devices in missionary work, Elders Miederhauser (l) and Harder, who are serving in the Tempe Arizona Mission, check their appointment schedule on their iPhones.

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FamilySearch.org

provides new online tools to help preserve and share family photos, stories

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Family Search International, a non-profit, volunteer organization sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently announced new tools for online users, making research more interactive and collaboration more convenient.

On the redesigned FamilySearch.org website, which is free to anyone worldwide, users can upload and store as many as 5,000 pictures and add family history stories of up to 100 pages each.

Quoted in a news release distributed by the Church, Family Search CEO Dennis Brimhall, said photos and stories matter, because they "personally teach us time-honored principles from those who have gone on before us, like the value of hard work, dealing with life's ups and downs and the impact of choices."

In addition to providing a place to store pictures and stories, FamilySearch.org users can enter documents, like birth or death certificates, which will be instantly available to anyone, helping to eliminate duplication and making it quick and easy to share research and to find relatives among the many historical records on the site.

On FamilySearch.org, users can create a "fan chart" of their family tree. The researcher appears in the center, and each generation is a wheel on

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Florida, newspaper, "The Ledger," as saying, "My parents joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when I was two years old. Being born into any church doesn't mean you will live its teachings, but ever since I was a young man and found out for myself that Jesus Christ was my Savior and the Book of Mormon was a second witness of Christ, I've felt a strong desire to share the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ with others.

President Sweeney is particularly interested in working with members and stake presidents.

"It's as simple as this: the increase in missionaries, especially among sister missionaries is not temporary, it's permanent. If we have the same amount of member participation, missionaries won't continue to succeed. They need us as members to reach out in love to our neighbors," he says.

"We're going to go to stake presidents and ask them, 'How can we help you?'" he continues noting that the missionary efforts need to be led "not by me, but by the stake presidents who have the keys."

"We are just the jet engines."

The worldwide broadcast on June 23 invited all members to similarly be "jet engines" in furthering the work and joining in a "united effort in conversion, retention and activation."

As mentioned in the broadcast, missionaries will use new means to share the gospel message, including using the Internet and electronic devices to set up Facebook pages, send emails and track progress.

"Our missionaries will be using a lot more of the nontraditional ways, spending one hour a day, maybe even two, getting online and contacting people by email or Facebook. With gated communities, and with the busy lives everyone leads, we can't expect to reach some people with the old methods," Elder Sweeney says.

As announced, meeting houses will also be open to guided tours.

"Members must also change the way they think about missionary work," said Elder L. Tom Perry of the Quorum of the Twelve, speaking during the broadcast. Quoting Joseph Smith, Elder Perry said, "The most important duty is to preach the gospel."

To view "The Work of Salvation" broadcast and to see the additional tools available on the new website, visit http://www.lds.org/training/wwlt/2013/hastening/special-broadcast?lang=eng

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SEMINARY BUILDING

– a result of fasting and prayers

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The Combs High School Seminary building located at Kenworthy and Germann in San Tan Valley will be home to the first release-time seminary classes to be held in this area.

By Stacy Johnson
The Beehive

Recognized as one of the largest early morning seminary programs in the Church, the Combs High School seminary will soon be housed in the first seminary building in San Tan Valley. Members of the Queen Creek East and Queen Creek North stakes call this a miracle—one that has been years in the planning.

Combs High School early morning seminary had its first class of freshman students in 2009. At that time, the two stakes within the high school boundaries, held their first early morning seminary class at the church building on Coyote Road, in the East Stake boundaries. The class had 31 students enrolled, and they met in the Primary room. Camron Howell, of the East Stake, and seminary principal for the last five years, remembers, "There was myself and three other teachers, and we each rotated a week of teaching. The week before we taught we would assist in the class and help the other instructor. This made it a perfect transition each week because the new teacher had the entire previous week to build upon."

Each year, the enrollment increased; so, for the 2012-2013 school year 195 students enrolled, with an average of 170 attending daily. For the seven classes, 18 teachers, two volunteer hall monitors and six substitutes made up the faculty.

Originally, only the Primary and Relief Society rooms were used, then they moved into other classrooms, eventually needing to utilize the cultural hall as well. Trent Allen, was directly involved as a member of the Queen Creek East Stake high council.

He relates, "Our numbers were approaching 200, and we were outgrowing our building…we were soon to face teaching out of multiple buildings and calling and training many more teachers and hall monitors."

The Church had been exploring options for a seminary building for many years. Stake members were reminded to fast and pray often that one would be built.

Brother Allen recalls, "After dead ends looking at the north, south, and east side of the school, under the priesthood keys of Ernest Laws, Stake President of the Queen Creek East Stake, the focus changed to the west side of the property in January of 2012. After this inspired direction, many pieces of the property and building fell into place. Ground was broken in April 2013 and will be finished in the middle of July 2013."

He adds, "They will have a place adjacent to Combs High School that symbolizes a place of protection, peace, love and rest."

Brother Allen will move from the Mesa Community College Institute over to the newly built seminary building. The students will have two fulltime seminary teachers to serve them, as Brother Rupp will transfer to Combs from the nearby Queen Creek High School.

Chevaun Craven, Stake Relief Society President in the Queen Creek North Stake, Ironwood Crossing Ward, says, "Although early morning seminary is an amazing way for teenagers to start their day, release time will allow most of the teens to have a 'recharging' period in their day. I'm very excited for this amazing opportunity for our kids."

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The **PEACE** of the gospel **HELPS** sister missionary **ENDURE** harrowing experience

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

When Sister Sara Trevino first arrived in Guatemala City as a missionary, no one was there to greet her. It turns out she wasn't expected until a month later, and so, from the very beginning, Sara felt like Heavenly Father was teaching her to adapt quickly to any situation.

Sara, a member of the Augusta Ranch First Ward, Desert Ridge Stake when she received her call, says she learned patience even before leaving, as her papers were submitted in January, but, strangely, her call was not received in the mail until May. Her departure date was set several months after that—in October. She wondered about the 10-month wait to begin her mission, but trusted in Heavenly Father's timing.

That timing put her in a tiny town with a new companion from South America, six months before Sister Trevino was to return home. There, on the first day in their new area, they were kidnapped by professional kidnappers when they arrived at what they thought was to be an appointment to teach the gospel.

Sara's missionary service up to that point had not been typical. Every transfer after the first was an "emergency change."

"Because of the choices of others, I was moved by the mission president," she says. One day she received her transfer, and the very next day it was changed.

While she appreciated the trust the president had in her, with so many emergency changes, Sara often wondered if she was serving in the right place. She was always being "put somewhere," different than originally planned.

In each area, she taught and baptized, enjoying the work so fully that she was recognized for her positive attitude and her ability to be obedient and still have fun.

Photo courtesy Sara Trevino

Sister missionaries, Sara Trevino (l), from Arizona, and her companion, Sister Narvaez turned to the Lord during their ordeal after being kidnapped while serving in the Guatemala City Central Mission.

It was when she was blindfolded and tied up in a bedroom of a small house that all her preparation was realized. On the second day, one of the kidnappers asked: "What do you think of your God now? Why is He letting this happen to you?"

The companions' answers came in the form of missionary lessons. "We taught him the plan of salvation, eternal families, chastity and the Word of Wisdom. Every question he countered with, we tied it back to the gospel," Sara says. "I think we taught him everything but tithing."

Sara says their knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ kept them calm. "We told the kidnappers they needed to be worried about their own salvation. We were fine."

She speaks of her companion tenderly, with a great deal of love. "We had just met that day, but we are bonded. We know we needed to be there at

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that exact time to stop these evil men from hurting more people."

They still don't know everything that occurred behind the scenes to secure their release, and the case is ongoing, but the two sister missionaries are convinced that, during the experience, angels were on their left and on their right. Sara soon learned that her bishop back home asked for that exact blessing from afar when he knelt with her parents to plead for her safe return.

After a short period, Sara, now of the Mesa Skyline YSA Branch, was transferred yet again, this time due to circumstances surrounding her ordeal. She completed her mission in Chile and had such great experiences there that she considers it every bit "her mission" as she does her original call to the Guatemala City Central Mission.

She also testifies, "The Lord knew where I was the whole time. I finally came to know that I was in the right place, all along the way."

FamilySearch.org Offers New Tools
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the chart, which can extend out to six generations.

Also, the site makes it possible to share information through social media outlets.

Sunny Oettel, of the Gilbert Greenfield Stake, is a former Family Search Worldwide Support Missionary. She says, "The new capabilities of Family Search make it possible for one person in the world to find an ancestor and document it for all to see. We can now collaborate with each other in a way never done before."

"The site is comprehensive and user friendly. One click and you have live help. One click and you have your family fan chart. One click and there are self-help videos. Click on Temple and Opportunities, then a few more clicks, and you may even have temple work ready for you to do in your line."

The Family Tree program on FamilySearch.org has more than 900 million names already submitted. The Family Tree Wizard helps beginners by asking questions about family members, both living and deceased, and builds these into the family tree.

A favorite tool is Live Help, meaning live research assistants can be reached by phone or through a web chat, 24/7. This service is free and is available in 10 languages including English, Spanish, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Chinese, Japanese and Korean.

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For details, contact Elder and Sister Smith at 602.628.3300 or smithch@byui.edu, visit www.byui.edu/pathway or an informational fireside will be held July 28, at 7p.m. at the Red Mountain Institute, 7126 E. McKellips Road in Mesa.

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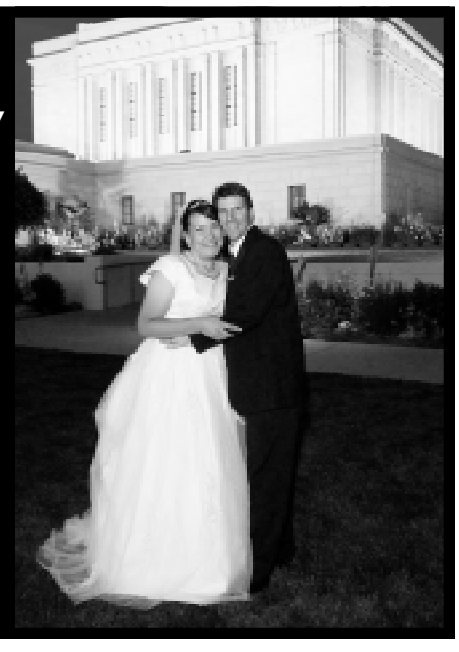

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Wayne and Shirley Whitlock Exemplify a Lifetime of

Service to God, Family and Country

By Stephanie Abney
The Beehive

When Wayne and Shirley Whitlock moved to Arizona 35 years ago from southern California, they brought with them a love of the gospel, a dedication to the U.S. Constitution and a willingness to do all they could to preserve our freedoms.

The Whitlocks, members of the Elliot Ward, Gilbert Arizona Stake, have eight children, 52 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Their lives have been filled with service to God, the family and their country.

Wayne spied a feisty, dark-haired beauty at the drive-in restaurant, where they'd gone with friends after a stake fireside. When things progressed, and Wayne and Shirley wanted to be married, the Los Angeles Temple was three years from completion. They opted to start their lives together by traveling to the St. George Utah Temple to be married on November 8, 1952.

Their service to country began before they met, when Wayne served in the Navy during WWII. He returned to serve an LDS mission to the Central States: Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Coincidentally, when they later served a mission together, they were called to Missouri and Kansas. Wayne jokes, "The Lord had to send me back, this time with Shirley, to make sure I got it right."

While serving in Independence, Missouri, from 1993-1994, they helped establish a membership retention program, called "Labor of Love." The program helped new converts find their ancestors and get to the temple soon after their baptism in order to do baptisms for deceased family members. The result was a retention increase of 41 percent for new members.

The Whitlocks served a second mission as local missionaries for 18 months at the Mesa Family History Center.

While raising their three daughters and five sons in California, Wayne was a State Parole Agent. He retired after 20 years and, soon afterward, moved his family to Arizona.

Shirley was busy with the children when she began attending meetings of the national organization known as Eagle Forum, to learn about preserving the freedoms of our country.

Photo courtesy of Cindy Biggs

Wayne and Shirley Whitlock, who have dedicated their lives to serving their family, community and country, enjoyed their 60th Wedding Anniversary at Discovery Park in Gilbert.

After moving to Arizona, she became the state Eagle Forum president. She served faithfully for 14 years. During that time and for much of her adult life, Shirley would rise before dawn to study about the founding of our country, the Constitution and the current issues that threatened the family or our freedoms. She was invited to give hundreds of speeches and firesides on these topics all over the state. Her sewing room/office has many plaques and trophies from grateful organizations where she presented her messages.

Shirley also likes to sew and every new baby in the family gets a crib-size quilt. Wayne enjoys gardening and caring for his chickens, among other things. Last year their family held a big party to celebrate the couple's 60th wedding anniversary. Their legacy of patriotism and service lives on in the lives of their children.

Daughter Carolyn Ricks sums up what all her siblings think of their parents, "My dad is kind; he's a great dad, provider and example. Mom has always fought for the good causes and instilled that in her children. Both of our parents taught us that family relationships are more important than material things. They are my heroes."

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Alumni Association Shares **"Spirit of the Y"** with Service and Activities for Entire Community

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

More than 14,000 people in the Phoenix Metro area have one thing in common. What these thousands of Phoenix-area residents share is that they are alumni of Brigham Young University.

In recent months, the Arizona chapter of the BYU Alumni Association has increased efforts to bring more of the Phoenix-area alumni together and to share various events and opportunities with others throughout the Valley.

According to the BYU Alumni Association website, chapters across the country provide opportunities for alumni and other "friends" of BYU "to learn, volunteer, contribute and serve with the students, programs, and activities."

With the number of alumni in the area, says Tom Duford, president of the Arizona chapter of the BYU Alumni Association, "We should be doing more than any other chapter to share the Spirit of the Y."

Tom says, in the past nine years as he has served on the chapter board, two as president, he has seen the chapter make significant strides toward that goal.

"We've seen a great deal of growth," he says, "particularly in involving members from the west side of the Valley."

Over the course of his career, Tom has served with small organizations as well as four major national corporations in HR, PR, sales, promotions and operations. He created a foundation called AZ Volunteers Foundation, to connect volunteers with opportunities. Brother Duford has also served on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including Boys & Girls Club, Arizona Volunteers Foundation, a large HOA and, now, the BYU Alumni chapter.

Under his direction, the chapter has participated in service opportunities, including developing clean-up projects for the Town of Guadalupe.

"Last year we filled more than 30 dumpsters," Tom said. "We will do another service project in October in conjunction with the Church's day of service."

Tom says, "The Phoenix Chapter plans many events throughout the year to provide spiritual and social activities; to provide wholesome programs and to assist our community. Attendance at the Y is not necessary to participate in any way that appeals to you."

For example, the chapter supports BYU sporting teams when they come to town with firesides, tailgate parties and other activities; and, in February 2014, the BYU folk dancers will be in Arizona. Previous events have included Dbacks alumni nights, Vocal Point performances, BYU Music Department firesides.

Career resources include networking, mentoring, assessments and job fairs.

According to Brother Duford, current chapter goals include improving employment support, expanding high school outreach and enlarging their mentoring program.

"Currently we are raising funds for BYU Alumni and the BYU Management Society's local scholarship replenishment grant through a golf tournament," Tom says. "These funds provide needs-based scholarships for students from the Phoenix area attending any of the BYU campuses or Arizona universities. For the 2012-2013 school year, we were able to award about $20,000 in scholarship grants to very deserving Arizona youth."

The golf tournament will be Thursday, September 19. Players and sponsors are still being sought. For more information, visit the LinkedIn Phoenix chapter link, Facebook page or website page (www. www.alumni.byu.edu) or email Tom Duford at td8677@gmail.

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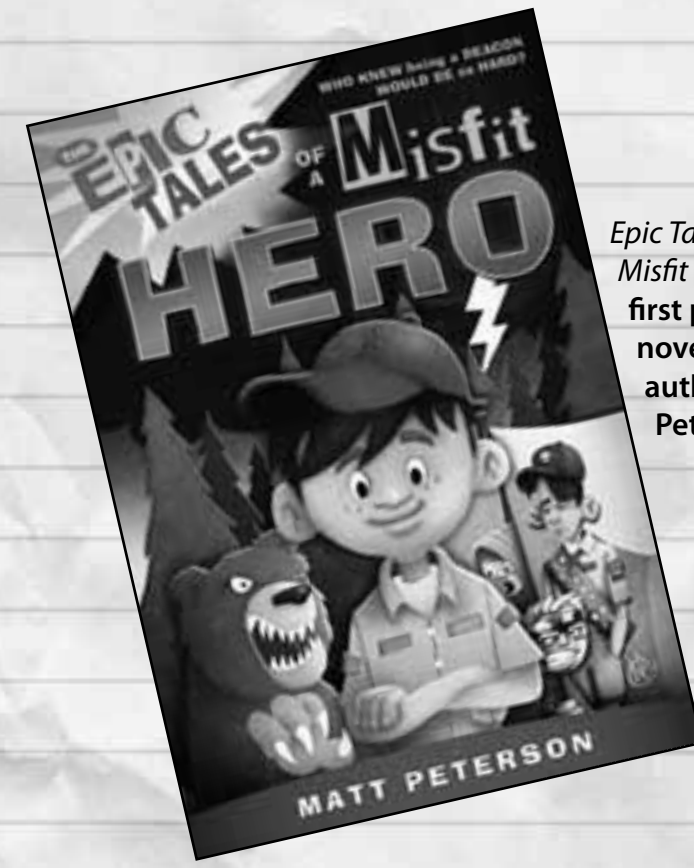

***Epic Tales of a Misfit Hero* is the first published novel by Arizona author, Matt Peterson**

By Valerie Ipson
The Beehive

Certainly, a first-time-ever back-packing trip and the duties as a brand new deacon cause every Latter-day Saint boy a bit of angst.

These important milestones are at the foundation of a middle-grade novel, titled *Epic Tales of a Misfit Hero* by Arizona author, Matt Peterson. The middle-grade novel, published under the Bonneville Books imprint, views life through the eyes of 12-year-old Andrew. He fails at Capture the Flag and pretty much everything else, but, in the end, must prove not only physical strength, but spiritual strength as well.

Photo courtesy Matt Peterson

The newly released middle grade novel by Arizona author, Matt Peterson, includes themes and situations that make it highly appealing to boys.

Matt says the lack of fun books for LDS boys is what inspired Matt to fill that void.

"I remember thinking that Deseret Book had lots of fun books for girls but very few geared toward boys," he says. "There wasn't anything that spoke to the whole process of growing up in the Church for a young man, and I thought that wasn't right."

That's when Andrew's journey began to take shape, then soon became Matt's first finished novel.

Matt says, "I loved Beverly Cleary, Judy Blume, Matt Christopher, and pretty much anything I could get my hands on [as a young reader]. In my mind, Henry and the Clubhouse is still one of the best novels ever written, and I can trace my love of reading back to that book."

He hopes his novel is a means to a much bigger end.

"I want readers to know that they can do great things and that they are stronger than they think," he says. "The book is about a group of kids who, by all standards, are weak and simple, but not in the eyes of Heavenly Father. Kids need to know there are things they can and will do to change the world if they can just understand who they really are."

As a training manager at a software company in Chandler, Matt has been writing papers and other expository works for a long time. He's only been writing fiction for the past few years and still feels pretty new to it. Even so, his first novel earned recognition this past spring when selected as a finalist for the Whitney Awards, an awards program for novels written

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The Beehive increases distribution through 113 grocery stores throughout Arizona

To make The Beehive's "good news" available to as many loyal readers as possible - while reaching others in the community and providing expanded exposure for advertisers as well - The Beehive has recently changed its focus for distribution.

Some smaller businesses, which have distributed smaller quantities of The Beehive in the past will no longer distribute the paper. Instead, the focus now for The Beehive will be distribution through major grocery chains.

Starting with this issue, 40,000 copies of The Beehive will be available in 113 stores across the Phoenix Valley - including 54 Fry's, 23 Albertsons, 11 7-Elevens, and 2 K-marts.

For exact distribution locations and addresses, visit The Beehive's newly redesigned website at www.ArizonaBeehive.com and click under the "Distribution" tab.

Second Annual Writing Contest Sponsored by Writers Unite to Fight Cancer

The second annual writing contest sponsored by Writers Unite to Fight Cancer (WUFC) is accepting entries now through August 15.

WUFC is a group of authors who raise money for cancer research.

The theme for this year's writing contest is "Drive to Thrive." Submissions may be on any topic, as long as the theme is addressed.

Anyone over age 18 may enter, whether published authors or first-time writers.

Categories include fiction (short stories or partial novels, all genres, middle grade or adult) or nonfiction (memoir, essay or editorial). Do not submit poetry, horror, erotica or anything containing foul or vulgar language.

Writers may submit any number of entries. For each, the entry fee is $30 and maximum word count is 4000 words.

Finalists and winners will be given the opportunity to be published in the 2nd WUFC Writing Contest Anthology, if they are willing to work with a WUFC editor, at no charge to them.

Funds raised will be donated to the combined cancer research program directed by Robert Waters at Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine and Arizona State University.

Entries must be received by midnight August 16. Send to:

Margaret L. Turley, Administrator, 1146 N. Mesa Dr., #102-233, Mesa, AZ 85201 or email to writersunitetofightcancer@gmail.com. For information, visit http://writersunitetofightcancer.com or call Margaret at 480-586-7902.

First Time Novelist
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by LDS authors. The Whitney awards are presented each May in a ceremony held in Provo, Utah.

With a busy Church calling, a family of five kids, and a "day job," Matt finds it challenging to fit in writing time, but plans to continue the Epic Tales series.

A member of the Meridian Pointe Ward, Mesa Desert Ridge Stake, Matt has worked with Scouts and young men for over 10 years.

He says, "Legally, I guess I have to say that any similarities [in my novel] to real people are purely coincidental, but, in reality, these characters are a conglomeration of kids I've known as a youth leader in the Church or in my own childhood. There's a little bit of me in them, too, I guess. The experiences are pretty much all fictional, but based on things that did or could have happened on any given Scout trip."

He believes, young men, as well as their parents and leaders, will relate to this funny, engaging, sometimes tender coming of age story.

Tales of a Misfit Hero is available on Amazon.com.

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Phoenix Temple

Construction Reaches Milestone with Placement of

Angel Moroni Statue

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

Ever since May 24, 2008, when President Thomas S. Monson announced that a temple would be built in Phoenix, Latter-day Saints in the north Phoenix area and across the Valley have eagerly watched the progress of the fifth temple for Arizona.

On May 15, construction workers and several others gathered at the temple site to witness a significant milestone as the gold-plated statue of Angel Moroni was installed atop the 90-foot spire.

Among those in attendance that day was Sister Cheryl Taylor, whose husband, Scott, is the Phoenix Mission President.

"The mission home is five minutes away," Sister Taylor explains, "so I run over there one time a week from the mission home."

"It's been amazing. It's been fun to watch the progress, to watch it come up and see the different elements of it," Sister Taylor says. "It seemed real slow at first, but that's because they went down so far."

In fact, she says, "Nearby areas have a lot of volcanic rock;" yet, as the construction crew dug the basement, "They just didn't run into any of that."

She said watching the progress has been a "line upon line thing" for her. She was there the day the placard was placed that states: "Holiness to the Lord, The House of the Lord."

"That was a special thing for me, but there weren't nearly as many people there then as when the Angel Moroni was placed," Sister Taylor said. That morning, before 7 a.m., people were already gathering to watch from the hill in the Thunderbird Recreation hiking area across the street from the temple.

She said the interest in this milestone shows that the temple has become a focal point for many of the Church members in the area. This is especially true for the missionaries.

"It has become the focus of the mission. We rebranded the logo of the mission to include the temple," Sister Taylor said.

Pass-along cards have also been created using an image of the rendering of the temple on the front and a statement about temples, along with the Mormon.org website address, on the back.

"They have pass-along cards with the Salt Lake Temple and the Nauvoo Temple and others with pictures of Christ. About eight months ago, we started to wonder, 'Why couldn't we have the Phoenix Temple on a pass-along card?'"

The idea and a mockup of what they wanted to create was submitted to and approved by Church leaders in Salt Lake.

"The cards help the missionaries go out and teach about temples. People are excited to hear that we have temples," Sister Taylor says.

While the final announcement has not yet been made, the Phoenix Arizona Temple, located at 5104 West

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Phoenix Temple Construction
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Pinnacle Peak Road in Phoenix, will tentatively serve 17 stakes, including stakes in Buckeye, Cottonwood,, Glendale Goodyear, Peoria, Phoenix, Deer Valley, Prescott and Surprise.

Visitors are welcome at the Phoenix Temple site, and many from the area already have taken the opportunity to view the construction of the 58,000 square foot temple from the observation patio or to gather information at the visitors' trailer. The patio and trailer hours are Monday through Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday, 6 to 8 p.m., by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 623-587-5565. Small groups can be accommodated.

Sister Taylor says for her and President Taylor, the temple has become "our baby," and they hope it will be completed within the year they have remaining as missionaries.

"We love it here and are so excited—all of the missionaries are so excited—about this beautiful temple."

Photo by Dave & Audrey Simonson

A milestone in the temple construction, the gold-plated statue of the Angel Moroni was placed on the spire of the Phoenix Arizona Temple on May 15.

"Raise the Standard" Event to Feature Glenn Beck

Glenn Beck will be the keynote for an event called "Raise the Standard." With the theme taken from Isaiah 59:19, the event's purpose is to "unite those with likeminded beliefs who want to help raise the standard in all areas of life where there has been a breakdown and an erosion and has, therefore, had a negative impact on society."

With Glenn Beck, top speakers and entertainers will address raising the standard in education, entertainment, parenting, values, entrepreneurism and self-reliance, and health.

The all-day event, sponsored by the Glenn J. Kimber Academy and Clearview Cultural Center, will be October 11 at the Comerica Theatre, 400 W. Washington St., in Phoenix. For updated information and tickets, visit http://kimberacademymesa.com/ or http://comericatheatre.com

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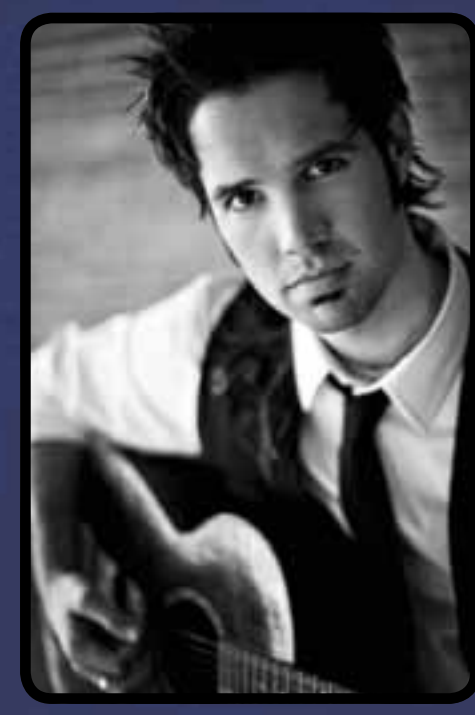

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ANASAZI

and its Founder HONORED with New Book

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

For decades, Ezekial Sanchez has lifted others, educating them and giving them a chance to experience a new way of "walking" in the world.

A Totonac Indian from Mexico, Ezekial is known to many as Good Buffalo Eagle or simply as "Zeke." Many years ago, he was led in a dream to reach out to young people and help them through trying experiences in their lives.

Encouraged by that dream, Ezekial felt he was doing the work his Creator sent him to do, when, in 1988, he started ANASAZI Foundation, with Larry D. Olsen, his partner in pioneering Brigham Young University's wilderness programs.

Since then, an estimated 40,000 young people have participated in the ANASAZI programs, which provide an opportunity for growth through a primitive living experience and a philosophy that invites healing at the hands of nature.

The ANASAZI philosophy stems, in part, from Ezekial's own youth. At a young age, he learned to work and gather wild edibles from the desert to supplement his family's food supply. In his 14th year, his family joined a band of migrant farm workers.

ANASAZI also was influenced by Native American traditions and Ezekial's religious beliefs. In 1966, when Ezekial was 23, he joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a mission to Texas, was a seminary teacher on the Navajo Reservation and a trainer at the MTC in Provo. He married Pauline in 1974 in the Salt Lake Temple, and they have seven children.

Yet, Ezekial says, the ANASAZI programs are not noticeably tied to the Church.

"We developed our own language and approach. We were wanting to teach correct principles, universal principles, in a way young people would understand," Ezekial says.

Youth immediately understand the term "backward walking," as opposed to "forward walking," which is positive and productive. They also learn powerful lessons about choice, including with

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Ezekial Sanchez, with his wife, Pauline, has lived a life of service to young people and their families. In honor of his 70th birthday this year, family and friends are finding ways to give back and to support Ezekial's Dream.

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2 - New Jerusalem - Revealed to be in Missouri, USA (D&C 84:2-4) and will be built on former Book of Mormon lands (3 Nephi 20:22, Ether 13:4-6).
3 - Zelph - Joseph Smith's vision of a "*white Lamanite,*" who died in the "*last great struggle with the Lamanites and Nephites*" was buried in Illinois.
4 - Nephite Altar - Joseph Smith located the altar on Tower Hill, Adam-ondi-Ahman, Missouri, USA.
5 - Zarahemla - D&C 125:3, "*Let them build up a city...upon the land opposite the city of Nauvoo, and let the name of Zarahemla be named upon it.*"
6 - 36 Prophecies - Identify a latter day "*nation*" qualified as being the "*land of liberty*" and "*mighty Gentile nation*" above all others, along with being where the gospel was restored and the future New Jerusalem built. "*The United States is the Promised Land Foretold in the Book of Mormon -*"
Elder L. Tom Perry, December 2012 Ensign, p. 29
7 - Lamanite Location - Borders of the "*Lamanites*" per D&C 28, 30, 32, 54 is Missouri, USA.
8 - Plains of the Nephites - From a letter by Joseph Smith wherein Zion's camp is "*wandering over the plains of the Nephites...roving over the mounds of that once beloved people of the Lord, ...*"
9 - DNA Evidence - Remnant Lamanites will not be destroyed "*according to the flesh*" (2 Nephi 9:53, 30:4). Genetic links have been found between ancient Semitic populations near Israel and ancient Indian burials in Ohio and Illinois, USA.
10 - Western Tribes of Indians - According to the Wentworth Letter, American Revivalist article, and Joseph's revelations sending missionaries "*unto the Lamanites,*" North American Indians are a true remnant of the House of Israel (D&C 28, 30, 32).
11 - Hebrew Written Language - An ancient inscribed stone in Tennessee has been authenticated as being Hebrew, stating "*for the Judeans.*" Another includes a complete rendition of the Ten Commandments. Yet another includes several temple phrases such as "*The Holy of Holies.*"
12 - Plan of Salvation - The Newark Earthworks of Ohio is a massive ancient ceremonial center of over four square miles. Huge earthen circles, parallel embankments and an octagon encode the entire Plan of Salvation as known today only through the restored gospel of Jesus Christ.
13 - Ancient Metalworking - The Southwestern Appalachian mountains contain gold, silver, copper, iron and zinc, just as the Book of Mormon indicates. Evidence for ancient mining, smelting furnaces and steel swords have been found. 2,000+ year old headplates & breastplates are displayed in museums.
14 - Whirlwinds - The Book of Mormon prophets witnessed weather phenomena capable of carrying people "*away.*" This can be understood as a tornado. America's "*tornado alley*" closely matches the texts descriptions (3 Nephi 8:12, 16).
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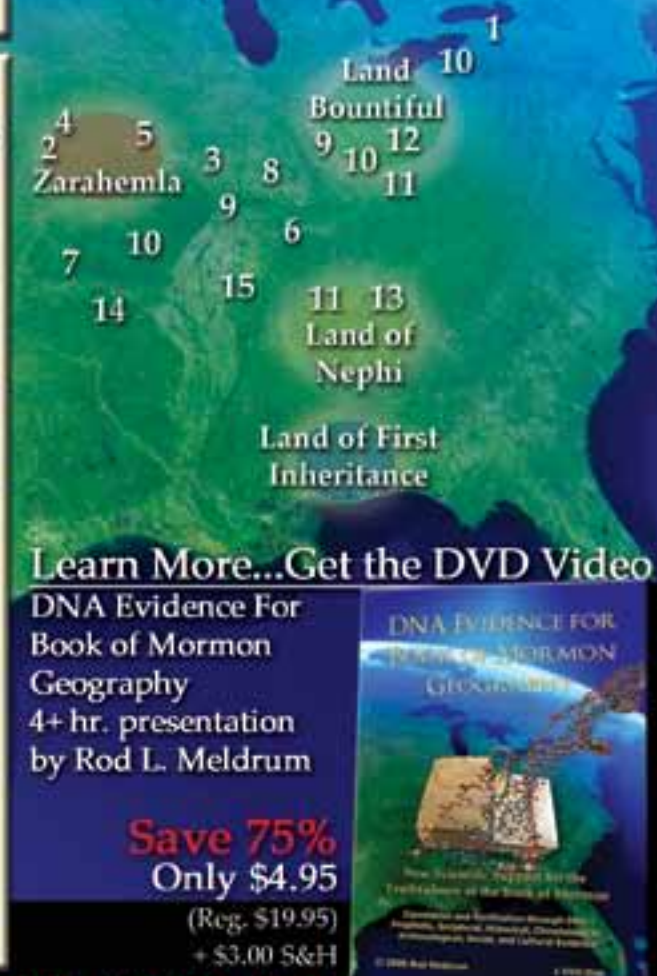

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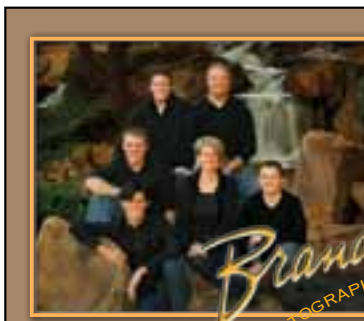

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the "Blanket Stepping" activity, in which they choose to leave items behind and step onto a new blanket, symbolizing a new beginning.

"Most of all, we focus on the Path of We. We are trying to bring families back together," Ezekial said.

This year marks Ezekial's 70th birthday. It also marks an important milestone for him and for ANASAZI, as a powerful book titled, The Seven Paths: Changing One's Way of Walking in the World, will be published in early August. An adaptation of a book used on the trail for more than a decade, the book makes the ANASAZI principles accessible to all. The Seven Paths will be released August 6 and is now available for advance purchase. As Good Buffalo Eagle writes in the foreword, this book "presents what might be described as a course in healing—seven elements among nature that combine to heal human hearts."

Also, to celebrate Ezekial's birthday, friends, family and coworkers have joined in honoring him and in giving back to Ezekial and to his life's mission.

Many have posted YouTube messages, telling Ezekial what he and his work at ANASAZI mean to them. Those wanting to post a message can upload a video and tag it with #ezekielsanchez and words like "Anasazi Foundation," "wilderness program" or another descriptor; then, send the YouTube link to development@anasazi.org.

Another way to honor his is to contribute to Ezekial's Dream Fund, a fund started to help provide the ANASAZI services for families in financial need. The goal is to raise $250,000 to underwrite this fund. Contributions can be one-time gifts or recurring monthly donations.

Visit www.anasazi.org for information and to learn how to contribute.

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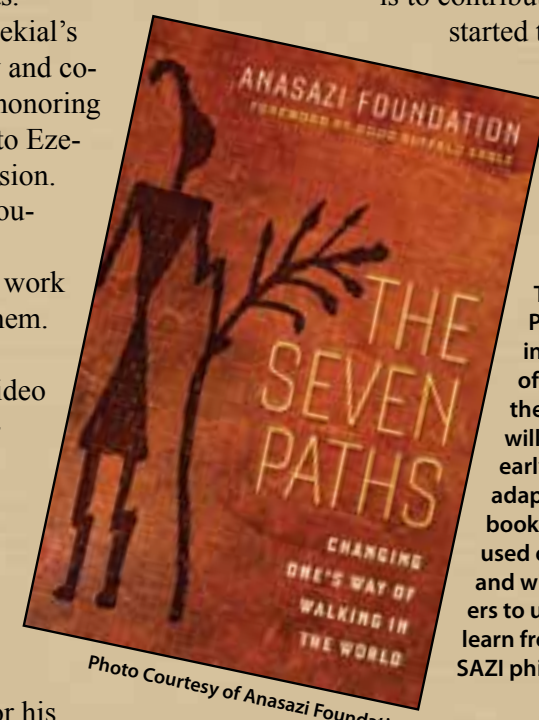

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The Seven Paths: Changing One's Way of Walking in the World, which will be released in early August, is an adaptation of the book that has been used on the trail and will allow readers to understand and learn from the ANASAZI philosophy.

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Couple Starts Organization to Help Cancer Patients Receive the Treatment of their Choice

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After her own experience with cancer and alternative treatment, Margaret Manning and her husband, Larry, are now working to help others through the nonprofit organization they started called Setting Them Free.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In any case, a cancer diagnosis is a major challenge. Yet, for people who have resistant types of cancer or complications, for those who have tried traditional methods with little results or for those who are under-insured, getting needed help can be particularly disheartening—if not impossible.

Margaret Manning, of the Southern Estates Ward, Kimball Stake, understands how frustrating and it can be; and, with her husband, Larry, is trying to help through the nonprofit organization they founded, called Setting Them Free.

On her birthday in March 2009, Margaret got the devastating news that she had mantle cell lymphoma, one of the rarest of non-Hodgkin›s lymphomas.

"With this particular kind of cancer, no one's really been cured," Margaret says. "I was told that if I did the strongest chemo and bone marrow transplants two times, I would live maybe three years. If I did nothing, I would die within a year."

Through fervent prayer and seeking the spirit, Margaret says she received a powerful answer.

"I asked if I could be healed, and I felt like He granted that to me," she says. "I believed I would be healed, so I next prayed to know what to do."

"God is our number one physician," she adds.

When she received an answer, it was to seek treatment at the Burzynski Clinic, an acclaimed alternative health provider. She made an appointment, but had no idea where she would come up with the money.

Just before the appointment, "I had five days to come up with $20,000," she said, "and that was just the beginning."

She and Larry quickly became schooled in the various treatment options, as well as in fundraising. While it took a year and a half, Margaret's cancer has been in remission for nearly three years; and, now, as another answer to prayer, her efforts have turned to the needs of others.

"We prayed and our answer was to 'pay it forward.'"

In January 2011, the Mannings started Setting Them Free. As stated on their website, the mission of the nonprofit organization is "to help underinsured cancer and critically ill patients obtain the health treatment of their choice through local and online fundraising campaigns."

"We feel our mission in life is supposed to be to help other people," Margaret said.

From their website, they help others raise money, teach them how to hold eBay auctions, explain how to do fundraisers and provide additional support, including telling peoples' stories and collecting donations in their behalf. They recently held a benefit talent event at Rockin' R Ranch in Mesa, and the money that was raised was used to help cancer patients who are registered through their site.

Margaret says, in addition to the gratitude she feels for her own healing and her desire to help many deserving patients, she has other personal reasons for wanting to continue the work of Setting Them Free.

"I have a brother who died of a brain tumor," she explains, "and my brother, Richard [Thomas from Gilbert], is also fighting cancer. He is a father of eight children and they just got sealed in the temple and he just wants to live."

She hopes Setting Them Free can help him.

"He's tried everything else. Now we are trying to raise money to get him back there to the clinic I went to," she says.

Margaret emphasizes the need to include the Lord in treatment decisions.

"He will always direct our paths if we go to Him," she says.

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By Cecily Markland
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Arizona's vast genealogy collection is housed in the original copper-domed Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix. The library offers a variety of resources for researchers.

State library provides resources for family history research

By Jill Adair
The Beehive

It seems only fitting that one of Arizona's largest genealogy collections is housed in one of the state's most historical buildings.

On the third floor of the original copper-domed Arizona State Capitol in Phoenix—now the Arizona Capitol Museum—is a state-owned collection of print books and periodicals, with many more resources easily accessed online or through CDs and microfilm.

The library collection began in the earliest days after Arizona was granted statehood in 1912, and date-stamped books still on the shelves attest to this fact.

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"We have books from all 50 states," says Chris Seggerman, research associate. "We have surname books that no one else has."

The genealogy collection, part of the State Library of Arizona, is free to use and in addition to the books from every state, includes books from other countries on the main level. While most are for reference-use only, some are available to check out. The extensive collection includes indexes, colonial records, ship passenger lists, atlases, vital records, Daughters of the American Revolution lineage information and military records from the Colonial Wars, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War and Indian wars.

Seggerman explains that because many of Arizona's early residents came from New England states, along with Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio and New York, some of the largest collections of states' materials are from those areas. Most of the books have been donated to the library.

The upstairs level is filled with family books, bibliographies and journals in alphabetical order of surnames from around the country.

"We have a wide range of patrons, says Seggerman. "People come in who know nothing about family history to those looking for a certain book. We have the know-how and resources to help them."

The collection also includes books on religious and ethnic groups, bound historical periodicals, the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, Filby's Passenger and Immigration List Index, and all 226 volumes of the American Genealogical-Biographical Index.

Patrons are can use one of six computers, with free access to Ancestry and HeritageQuest.

Adjacent to the Genealogy Collection is the Law and Research Library, which can provide other resources for researchers. Perhaps an ancestor was a doctor in Arizona, someone who served in the state legislature or was involved in a major court case. Information about them can be found here.

The nearby Polly Rosenbaum State Archives and History Building holds 16,000 cubic feet of records that began with the creation of the Arizona Territory in 1863. According to the website, local records include material from county and city governments; the Arizona Biographical Database contains over 100,000 entries; the Arizona Newspaper Project contains microfilm copies of more than 1,400 newspaper titles from 175 cities and towns in Arizona; and the Photograph Archives include private collections and images created by government agencies. All of these resources can be invaluable tools in family history research.

For information on the Arizona State Genealogy Collection, go online to www.azlibrary.gov, then search "genealogy." The state also offers free copies of birth and death certificates for births that occurred at least 75 years ago and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago; go to http://genealogy.az.gov.

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"Begin with the Holidays," an Inspire my Life event, coming to Phoenix area

With a great blend of motivation, inspiration and exceptional entertainment, the Inspire My Life series comes to the Phoenix metro area to help area residents get revved up and rejuvenated in time for the holidays.

"Begin with the Holidays" features star performers and presenters, including William Joseph, Due West, Jessie Funk, Daniel Beck, Aaron Ashton and Vickey Pahnke Taylor. The Begin with the Holidays event will be presented in a three-block format, allowing participants to enjoy a morning, afternoon or evening session—or any combination of the three.

The event will be November 16, 2013. For additional information or to purchase tickets as the event date nears, visit www.inspiremylife.com

Mesa Attorney Builds Reputation of Service & Results

Photo courtesy Rowley Chapman & Barney Ltd

Paul S. Rowley, founding partner of Rowley Chapman & Barney, Ltd, has created a strong legal practice, while focusing on community service as well, including serving as a volunteer with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Divers Posse and pilot for Flights for Life and the Flying Samaritans.

By Cecily Markland
The Beehive

In August 2011, Attorney at Law magazine recognized Paul S. Rowley as Attorney of the Month. The magazine credited him with building a strong legal practice, while making significant contributions to the community.

Rowley, managing partner, founding member and senior litigator of Rowley Chapman & Barney, Ltd., is a Mesa native. He served an LDS mission to Southeast Asia and Indonesia, graduated with a business degree from Brigham Young University and a juris doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law in California, finishing top in his class.

Rowley and his wife, Robin, are the parents of five grown children.

He started his Mesa firm more than 25 years ago and built what the magazine article calls, "a solid reputation for providing excellent legal services in a wide variety of practice areas." Rowley credits the firm's reputation—and awards like runner up as Mesa Business of the Year last year—t o "strong partners" and "good service."

"We have 26 years of good service and fighting for our clients, always looking out for them," Rowley says.

The full-service law firm has 10 attorneys, including Scott R. Rowley, the most recent addition to the team.

The firm states its objective is: "to improve the economic well-being and quality of life of all stakeholders," To do so, they promote the following principles: "All People Have Intrinsic Value," "Honesty Is The Best Policy," "We Reap What We Sow," "Resources Are Valuable," "We Should Treat Others As We Wish To Be Treated," and "Take The Time, Do It Right."

Rowley and the firm's other attorneys serve in various Church callings and as members of several community boards. Rowley was bishop of Harris 2nd Ward, Mesa Central Stake for six years and currently is in the Mesa YSA West Stake presidency.

For several years, he has served as a volunteer diver with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Divers Posse. In addition, he volunteers as a pilot for Flights for Life, transporting blood, platelets or even transplant organs; and with Flying Samaritans, providing his plane and piloting services at no charge to transport groups of dentists and physicians to Baja Mexico, where they provide free clinics.

"I usually take a flight every month or two," he says. "My upbringing in the Church instilled a desire to give service and to reach out and help the community."

The attitude of service carries over as the firm works with clients, going the extra mile to meet their needs.

"We don't treat people as a number," he says. "We are known for getting in there, rolling up our sleeves and helping solve problems… and of getting good results."

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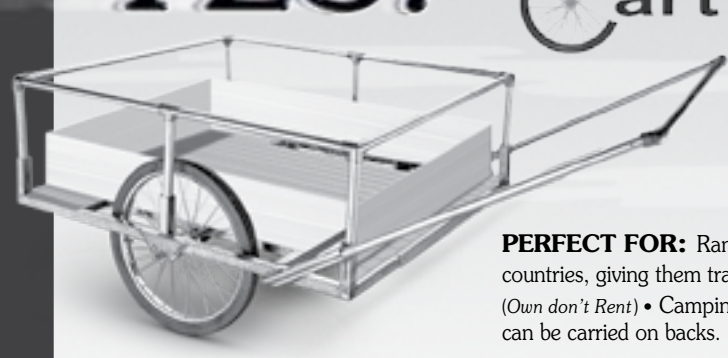

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Robin O'Bannon
Finds the Truth
She Sought Her Entire Life

Robin O'Bannon's lifelong search for truth led her to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, where she says she found Father in Heaven's true love and light.

By Cindy R. Williams
The Beehive

Photo by Sean O'Bannon

Robin O'Bannon, of Gilbert Greenfield Stake, searched her entire life to be closer to God.

"As a little girl, as soon as I heard about Jesus Christ, I wanted to know more. He was more real to me than Mickey Mouse, and, believe me, that is saying something," she says.

"For as long as I can remember, around Easter, my mother took me to see plays or movies surrounding the crucifixion, and every year I would cry my eyes out watching them. I felt as though I was being forced to watch someone I loved be unjustly murdered over and over again."

As a child, she got in "trouble" for asking questions leaders couldn't answer like: "Why would a good person who was never taught about Christ or 'saved' be sent to 'hell' when they died, while clergy who taught about Christ, but did unspeakable things have a first-class ticket to the Pearly Gates?" "Why wouldn't Christ share himself with other people in the world besides the people near where he grew up?" "What happens after we die?" or "Why is the Trinity a mystery of the church?"

The answers seemed incomplete as she explored different religions.

"I had given up any hope of finding the pure love I knew existed –on this planet anyway. I [knew] that God was smarter than all of us … and that He alone would answer my questions when my time on this earth was over," says Sister O'Bannon.

In October 2010, she read The Shack, a novel about a man who shuts out God after suffering a tragic loss, but later reunites with three separate personages: God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ.

"My desire to know God in this real and personal way rekindled. I prayed and cried in earnest, asking God to show me the way. I was willing to do anything to get to Him."

In November 2010, she moved to Arizona, due to chronic health issues.

"I moved next to a lovely family and met Renae Lukens. She asked me if I had a church, I said 'No, but I sure do love Jesus.' Renae said, 'So do I. We're going to get along great.'"

When Sister Lukens sent a group of men, including two missionaries, to help unload the moving trailer, Sister O'Bannon invited them to dinner.

"I had no idea what LDS was. The missionaries prayed before dinner, shared a spiritual thought after dinner and I just wanted to know more."

Sister O'Bannon was baptized in January 2011. Her two sons, Sean and Patrick, followed one month later.

"A year later, I received my endowments and, three months after that, I was sealed to my deceased parents for time and eternity."

She continues, "I know this church is true. If I could share anything with those who are seeking what is true, I would say, 'Don't give up. Don't you dare settle for something that is "close," just keep searching. That longing within you is the real deal."

Sister O'Bannon enthusiastically shares her testimony, saying, "I have loved God and Jesus Christ … my whole life and even when I was doing dumb things or was in the darkest pits of despair and severe illness, I never believed they had forgotten me. My only doubts were that I might not figure out how to get to Them. I am so grateful I didn't give up. To the very core of my soul, I love this gospel, I love my Father, my beloved brother and exemplar and the Holy Ghost; and I can feel their love for me and I want to tell the whole world."

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Family History Resources

If you've waited to begin working on your family history, wait no longer.

The LDS Church rolled out FamilyTree in March, which is a very user-friendly enhancement to FamilySearch.org. I don't think it could get any easier than this.

FamilyTree offers many features found on popular Ancestry.com, but it is free of charge and available to anyone.

For members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, log in at FamilySearch.org, then click on FamilyTree to see your pedigree chart largely pre-populated. Other visitors can create an account and build their family tree online, starting with themselves and then adding ancestors.

A wonderful addition is the ability to collaborate with relatives across cyberspace on family lines and discover what others have already researched and shared. The new program is available in 10 languages.

Users can easily search names in digitized databases, which is the fruit of all the years of labor in the extraction and indexing effort, and then click through to see the original document—whether it be a census or military record, marriage or death certificate or a ship's register.

With just a few clicks, these sources can be attached to the ancestor's record and shared with others who may be researching the same individual or family. Outside links with information, such as FindAGrave.com, can also be linked to an individual.

One of my favorite features is the ability to upload and link photos and stories to ancestors. It is great to be able to see a face with a name and read a little about the individual's life and to share that with relatives.

FamilySearch reported that during the first week, more than 60,000 photos were uploaded to FamilyTree, with thousands more being added every day.

"The goal behind FamilyTree is to create what we would call the best-sourced genealogy in the world," said Tara L. Bergeson of FamilySearch, as quoted in the Church News. "The idea is to get people to interact with one another so that supporting documentation can find the correct ancestor."

Officials say that FamilyTree is designed ultimately to replace New FamilySearch, a program that has been available only to Church members. All of the information that was included there has been migrated to FamilyTree.

Users can benefit from other features, including easy correction of errors in vital information, merging of duplicates, notification of temple opportunities, a pedigree fan chart, live research or product help to answer your questions, easy access to the research Wiki, "grab-and-pull" on the family tree to easily zoom in on an individual, the ability to share photos and family history information through social media, or a "watch" for ancestors so if someone else adds information, you will be notified.

Editor's Note: This column is designed to provide Beehive readers with timesaving direction and ideas for safely and easily surfing the Internet. To suggest a topic for a future column or to share an interesting website with others, e-mail: 5adair@cox.net.

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Thanksgiving Free Fall

From the Editor's Desktop

By Cecily Markland

Last November, early on Thanksgiving morning, while many people were stuffing turkeys and sliding them into the oven, I was sliding my slightly nervous self into the harness of a parachute that had been carefully stuffed for the next novice skydiver.

I didn't know whether I should feel brave or totally insane. Ultimately, curiosity won out as I watched as two young men methodically prepare my sister and me for our first jump.

They led us to a small, somewhat rattletrap airplane. Again, not knowing exactly what to fear, I climbed in and watched intently out the window as the plane gained altitude.

My sister was going first. When we arrived at the spot designated to leave that metal womb and step out into unknown territory, I did feel one short, gripping pang of fear. It was when I saw the plane tip to the right and my sister was gone, out the door, without even a moment to think or to choose whether to stay or go. Seconds later, another tip, and I, too, was free falling.

The wind charged at me. I was being cradled and tossed about, calmed and exhilarated, all at the same time. Held in space, air pressing against me, earth's browns and tans coming closer, I felt small, insignificant. My power had been stripped away. I was a marionette, completely in the hands of Him who had created the immensity of space through which I flew. Unbidden came the thought, *What is man, that thou art mindful of him?* I couldn't fully describe it, but, in that instant, I felt completely vulnerable—smaller than a dot in the scheme of things—and, yet, I knew that I was seen, and loved and cared about by a power much greater than I.

The next morning, in one of those strange twists of life, another of my sisters called to let us know her husband had passed away early that morning. There she was, with a quick tip to the right, and just like that, without a moment to think about it, or to choose, she in a free fall of her own.

I could only imagine the force of the wind that beat about her at that moment, the gale that burned her eyes and left her legs weak. She, too, must have felt small, insignificant, her power stripped away, her control taken over momentarily. She was a marionette, completely in the all-knowing hands of Him who had created the immensity of space, the beauty of the earth, the expanse of eternity she was glimpsing. I wanted to reach to her, to catch her, to fall with her…or for her. And, then, it came again. *What is man, that thou are mindful of him?* I wasn't sure what it all meant, except that, in that instant, I knew that she, too, was seen and loved and cared about by a power greater than us all.

Whale of a Tale:

Lives of two Arizona Men Spared in Collision with Humpback

By Tina Scott
The Beehive

A captain for the Phoenix Fire Department, Fred Andes of the Aspen Ward, Mesa Kimball East Stake, had never needed critical medical emergency himself, until last summer when he and his friend, Willie Nelson, of Gilbert, nearly died after colliding with a humpback whale.

"My story has nothing to do with me, but it has a lot to do with the Lord. He had a big part in the rescue," Fred says.

For three weeks each summer, Fred and Willie go to a remote fishing camp that's a 30-minute plane ride from Juno, Alaska. There, they work six hours a day repairing equipment and doing whatever is required. In turn, they get food, lodging, a fishing boat and all the necessary gear.

"We fish for about 10 hours a day. There's not a lot of sleeping, it's just a great time."

Brother Andes describes the area as Disney-esque, with porpoise, sea lions, sea otters, eagles and whales.

"There's a bit of everything going on around us," he says. "All day while you're fishing, you're being entertained."

One day, they headed to open water, to a place called, "No Man's Land."

"At full-speed, it takes 45 minutes," Fred says.

About half way, a humpback whale breeched the water directly in front of them.

"There wasn't time to make a plan. The only thing we could do is turn hard to the right," he said, counting the fact that they weren't standing, as usual, as one of the many miracles that aligned to save their lives.

Willie was thrown from the boat and could have died in the frigid water. He was able to stay afloat until his rescue.

"There's no doubt I had help," Willie said. "I felt like someone was holding me up from underneath my arms."

"I know the symptoms of chest injuries," said Fred. "So I'm diagnosing myself as I'm trying to catch my breath and trying to be as calm as I can."

He incurred 16 fractures in six ribs, a punctured lung and a ruptured spleen.

Friends came to where they were, without even knowing they were in distress. They happened to be in a boat with a back-lip.

"Out of 40 boats, only three have a back-lip," said Fred. "Without it, they couldn't have pulled Willie into the boat."

"As we talk about the miracles, so many people and things come to mind," Fred said. The owner of the camp was within five minutes of the wreck in a boat large enough to rescue both men; the coast-guard was in the area; a float plane was nearby with a surgeon aboard; Fred was able to receive a priesthood blessing before boarding the plane; a great surgeon was in Juno that day.

Photo courtesy Willie Nelson

Willie Nelson (l) and Fred Andes (r) narrowly escaped with their lives when, while fishing in Alaska, their small boat collided with a whale.

Brother Andes credits the support of Aspen Ward members among the many tender mercies he experienced. They gave food, cards, desserts, emails and letters, a hospital bed rental and a car for his wife for the weekend.

"Trials aren't fun, but, all along the way, we could see the Lord's hand in it as though He said, 'This is going to happen to you, but I'm going to make it so everything turns out okay,'" Fred said. "And I knew it would be okay. Heavenly Father loves us and is going to watch out for us."

The Mesa FamilySearch Library will host its second annual Expo in October 2013

The theme, "Genealogy Changes CHARTS, Family History Changes HEARTS" is taken from a talk by Elder Bradley D. Foster, of the Seventy.

The Expo will feature an entire day of learning and discovery, with a wide range of workshops including classes about British, German and Swedish research. Participants also will be able to choose among classes like: "Using the Internet for Research," "Land and Probate Records," "Techniques on Finding 'Lost Individuals,'" and "Making Your Data Crash-Proof."

"These hours will likely be the most informative and useful hours spent in genealogical research all year," the organizing committee says.

The all-day conference will be Saturday, October 26, at the Arizona State University Institute Building, 1000 S. McAllister in Tempe. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. Free covered parking is available.

All registration will be online. For updates, information and registration, visit www.mesafsl.org. FamilySearch Library can be reached at 480-964-1200.

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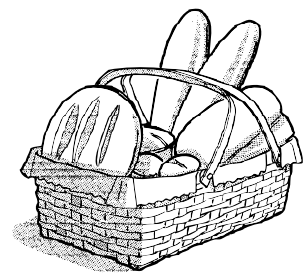

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At Castle Floors, members of the team--including (left to right) Daniel Farnsworth, Jim Haynes, Jeanne Haynes, and owner Dean Merrell--offer friendly service along with 50 years of cumulative knowledge to meet the needs of each customer.

Castle Floors has been satisfying customers for more than 30 years. Owned by Dean and Peggy Merrell, members of the Century Garden Ward, in the Mesa Kimball East Stake,. Castle Floors sells and installs carpet, ceramic and porcelain tiles, travertine, stone, luxury vinyl planks, sheet vinyl, wood floors and laminates.

"We used to be Castle Carpets, but over the years, as we added a broader selection of flooring, we upgraded our name," says Dean. "The current trend in flooring has expanded so much from carpeting. We're doing a lot of luxury vinyl tiles and planks, which is the fastest growing segment of the flooring business."

He has also noticed a rise in real wood flooring in recent years. "It's become more affordable because so much of it is being made in China," says Dean. "They're making some high-grade products with European and Scandinavian technology. Wood is being manufactured at such lower prices than ever before, it's just hard to resist."

"Trends will always change consumption, but I don't see them moving away from carpet all together," Dean insists."Carpet is too nice of a surface. It is soft, comfortable, and it's quiet. That's why it will always remain."

Castle Floors was just getting into business in 1987 when the market dropped. Brother Merrell vowed then to not be tied too closely to new construction. "Since then, we've focused more on fix-ups and remodels," he says.

"Although we have stayed busy with many of our contractors who have been buying, fixing and selling distressed properties, it's nice to see some new homes being built again," says Dean.

Dean's love of flooring stemmed from his business of cleaning carpets and furniture while attending Brigham Young University.

Brother Merrell built his business with hard work and by taking time to listen and thoroughly assess customers' needs. "We try to listen to our customers' preferences and ideas and then offer suggestions on overall home appeal, product quality, performance and value."

In addition, Castle Floors offers superior personal service and product knowledge. As a result, Dean says, "Easily more than half the people that come in have been referred by someone else;" and, "Many former customers return years later to update and freshen with contemporary looks."

Dean adds that, at Castle Floors, "our product knowledge is one of our strengths. We feel that with over 57 years of combined experience, we offer a unique advantage to our customer."

Castle Floors is located at 4500 East Main Street, #3, in Mesa. Their showroom is open Mondays through Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reach Castle Floors, call 480-396-6956.

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Sharing The Gospel

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Arizona Latter-day Saints join in the worldwide push to further the work of sharing the gospel and the message of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, as two new missions open in Arizona in July.

Hundreds of full-time missionaries assigned to Arizona participate in that effort, including the four pictured who are serving in the Arizona Tempe Mission: (l to r) Elder Gilliland, from Salt Lake City; Elder Gathro, from Jacksonville, Florida; Elder Friley, from Ashland, Kentucky; and Elder Perez, from Canary Islands, Spain